

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana held November 1, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at the Jasper Arts Center with President Gerald Gagne presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Gerald Gagne, Robin Norris, Doug Abbett, Michael Jones, Myra Schuetter, Sylvia Metzger, Don Weisheit, and Gloria Buecher\*. **Commission Members Absent**: Ann Hilgefort, Don Routson, and Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Kit Miracle, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance**: Councilmen Butch Schitter and City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Sylvia Metzger** moved, **Myra Schuetter** seconded the approval of the minutes of the October 4, 2005 board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Don Weisheit** moved to approve the financial statement. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims**

City claims in the amount of \$13,408.06 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1,200 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Don Weisheit** to accept the claims as presented. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Visual Arts Report**

Kit reported.

- Deanne Dunbar exhibit is over. The Sports in Art exhibit is now on display; there will be a reception held on Sunday. Work from Dubois County middle school students is also on display.
- The classes at the satellite art space started last week and are going well.
- The first art lecture series was held and went very well.
- Classes for next year are being planned.
- The visual arts exhibit will be in December.
- The first solicitations for portfolio reviews were sent out for the 2007 exhibits schedule.

\*Note: At 4:40 pm, Gloria Buecher arrived for the Board meeting.

**Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Garry Krinsky will be at the middle school on November 2. He is a musician/vaudeville performer. He will do a program called Toying with Science and a workshop for teachers. The programs are at 8:30 and 10:00 with the workshop starting at 1:30.
- Super Scientific Circus, a similar program, for grades K-5 will be held at the arts center on Monday and Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- On Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, Kathleen Gaffney will be here. She is the first Kennedy Center speaker. She will be speaking to the teachers at the middle school on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>. She will also be conducting a workshop for teachers.
- On Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> Don and Ann Routson will host a "meet and greet" for Kathleen Gaffney at their home.
- Cathie Ryan will perform at the High School on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Building and Structures Report**

Doreen & Darla reported.

- The city auction was held a couple of weeks ago. The arts department obtained a slide projector and tape machine from the police department. A transfer needs to be accepted for these items. **Sylvia Metzger** moved to accept the transfer. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Building usage remains steady.
- VUJC will be having a concert here on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The time zone hearing will be here on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm.
- Volunteer hours for Michael Cooper were 16 hours.
- 19 volunteers put in a total of 167 hours for the Broadway show.
- Audrey and Calvin Haas would like to donate a Kimball baby grand piano to the JCAC. The piano has a cherry finish with Queen Anne legs. The JCAC would be responsible for transporting it to the Arts Center. **Myra Schuetter** made a motion to accept the piano as a donation. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

## **Region 11 Report**

Jill reported.

- 13 of the 15 Grants Agreement/Budget Modification forms have been turned in.
- Cultural planning focus group meetings have been held. The survey has been completed. A draft of the Region 11 Service Delivery (Cultural) Plan will be sent to JCAC board members prior to the December meeting for their review.
- A technical assistance workshop was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. All grantees were present. Kathy Tretter from the Ferdinand News gave a presentation on working with the media.
- 50 people attended the grant ceremony. Senator Lindel Hume and Representative Dennie Oxley were here to present the certificates to the grantees.

## **Performing Arts Report**

Darla reported.

- The performing arts committee will be meeting to prepare for the 06/07 season.
- 850 tickets were sold for the Broadway performance.
- Cathie Ryan is sold out.
- Roger Day tickets are available.
- Chris Botti is also sold out. Sandi Patty is close to being sold out. Discussion was held to determine if a second concert for Sandi Patty would be held. Celebration Singers may be singing with Sandi during the concert. Currently there would not be any tickets available for the singers and their friends and family if only one show is held. Darla was asked to investigate the cost of a second performance.
- Darla will be meeting with Nancy Otte on Friday to discuss the IU Alumni Association reception with Chris Botti. His agent has given approval to have the reception.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Building Discussion**

Mike Jones reported.

- A meeting was held with the Friends of the Arts to talk about the new building renovation/expansion fund ordinance. Friends of the Arts would like to lay some groundwork for capital fundraising in a year or two.
- Mike suggested that the JCAC Board hold a special meeting to lay the groundwork for planning for the current and future needs of the facility and the Arts Department.

Note: Doug Abbett left the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Jerry Gagne left the meeting at 5:42 pm.

### **Building/Technical Assistant**

Darla advised that Bryan Freson has agreed to stay on at the Arts Department on a part-time basis. Darla suggested that the position be split between Bryan and another part-time person.

**Gloria Buecher** made a motion to split the Building/Technical Assistant position between two part-time people. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

### **New Business**

Darla reported.

- Discussion was held on the Resolution regarding making non-monetary donations and in-kind contributions. **Myra Schuetter** moved to table the discussion until the next meeting. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- It was decided that the July 2006 meeting be moved from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. **Don Weisheit** made the motion to move the meeting date. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Adjournment**

**Myra Schuetter** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday December 6, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

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Gerald Gagne – President

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Don Routson

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